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Command Changes

On Tuesday at 11 a.m. Col. Karen Wilhelm, 2d Maintenance Group, will transfer command of the 2d Munitions squadron from Lt. Col. Carey Tucker to Lt. Col. Rodney Mason. The ceremony will be held in Hoban Hall.

The ceremony will be conducted as an outdoor event, all military personnel should remain covered and will render proper customs and courtesies.

Col. Roderick Gillis will take command of the 2d Operations Group during a ceremony at Hoban Hall May 7 at 9 a.m.

Quarterly awards

The 2d Bomb Wing quarterly awards take place Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Hoban Hall.

In addition, the 8th Information Warfare Flight quarterly award winners are:

CGO - 2nd Lt. Jesus Diaz SNCO - Master Sgt. Michael Callis NCO - Tech. Sgt. Jorge Laurel Technician - Senior Airman William Molina

Name the Paper

Submissions for a new name for the paper are still being taken by the Observer staff. E-mail submissions to observer@barksdale.af.mil.

2D BOMB WING SCOREBOARD

2d Bomb Wing Monthly Flying Goals

Depicted in Hours





Goal:	265.3	438.5	425.9
Flown:	268.5	284.5	305.5
Remaining:	0	154.0	120.4
As of: April 25	+41.9	-67.9	-23.2



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Staff Sqt. Ernest Pope (helmet removed for photo), with the help of other members of the 2d Maintenance Squadron's AGE Flight, pulls a small boat from the mud of the dried lakebed of Harmon Lake Wednesday morning. The lake will

be refilled and opened this fall. The volunteers rounded up more than two dumpsters full of waste, including beer cans, bottles, batteries, boat motors and even a B-52 tire. The MXS volunteers worked on the lake from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Airmen clean up Harmon Lake

BY J. MANNY GUENDULAY Observer

Early Wednesday morning, Airmen from Maintenance Communications Squadrons gathered to clean up trash on the dry lakebed of Harmon Lake while it is drained.

Mr. Bruce Holland, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron, realized the lake needed cleaning after it was drained for construction of a new pier.

"I was encouraged by Sue Landry, environmental flight chief, to send an e-mail out asking people if they were 'interested in getting down and dirty cleaning up the lakebed," said Holland. "I could not believe the response we received."

Clean-ups as such are often helped by the

anti-litter program BEST, or Barksdale's Environmental Stewardship Team. The team is made up of people and units who want to help clean the base because they recognize Barksdale as their home.

Tech. Sgt. Danny Hebert, 2d MXS, was one of the people who has worked with BEST before, and brought a crew of 20 people out to help tidy up the lake. Hebert acknowledged how intense the cleanup would

"This is more than a one-day trip," Hebert said.

The springfed lake was built on the East Reservation in 1958 and literally has 45 years of garbage on the lakebed.

Among the garbage volunteers found some interesting finds in the muddy landscape. Tech. Sgt. Quinten Johnson, 2d MXS, found an ancient beer can from the 1960s, before the age of pop tops. Airman First Class Megan Franckowiak, 2d CS, found a sealed, and still carbonated, soda from the mid-1980s. Once it was rescued from thick mud, a sunken boat was turned into a portable trash bin by Staff Sgt. Earnest Pope.

Jason Martin, 2d CES, assisted the volunteers in the cleanup and was happy about the turnout.

"There is a lot of trash out there, but we have a lot of people. The lake is going to look good once its finished," said Martin.

Squadrons and individuals who would like to volunteer to help clean Harmon Lake or join the BEST on future projects should contact Mr. Bruce Holland at the Resources office at 456-3353.



Today

Mostly Cloudy with Chance of Rain



Saturday Mostly Cloudy with Chance of T-storms



Sunday Mostly Cloudy





Legal Office hours

Commander's Corner

World Class 24/7

BY COL. MICHAEL MOELLER

stantly work to achieve them.

simply say we are "second to none."

Instead, we must set our goals high and con-

Just like any great team, our ultimate goal

is the championship trophy. What makes us

different from the NFL or Major League

Baseball is that, in our business, we can't put

our victories in the scorebook and enjoy the

off-season. America counts on us to be ready

to play in the "big game" year-round...con-

stantly ready to protect our security. We

work together as a single team to ensure

Team Barksdale's combat edge is honed and

ready. Individually, every one of our war-

riors achieves his or her personal goals

through hard work, initiative and innovative

The wing's goals center around the TWO

vector because we must remain focused on

mission excellence while taking care of each

other and improving ourselves. These goals

are a "mark on the wall," allowing us to

2D BOMB WING COMMANDER

The 2d Bomb Wing legal office has

NEWS BRIEFS

Appointments for wills and general legal assistance will be 1:30 to 4 p.m. Mondays and 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Thursdays. Walk-in legal assistance (no wills) will be available Mondays through Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Notaries and power-of-attorneys will be available Mondays through Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Claims hours will remain the same. Claims appointments can be scheduled for Mondays and Tuesdays and the claims briefing is every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

Basic Computer Course

A free MS Word and Excel computer class for spouses of active duty members is now available from an instructor from Bossier Parish Community College. Classes are held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, starting May 11 to June 17 at the Education Office, Room 106. Class is limited to 14 participants. Call 456-8400 for more information.

Talent Show

A base talent show sponsored by the First Four Airman's Association is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Saturday at Hoban Hall.

The show will feature special guests Tiffany S. Walker and The T-Shemise Fashion Group, Staff and Models Bronze and Gold Modeling Inc. and The Barksdale Cheerleaders. There are door prizes, local artist performances, and a professional fashion show.

Winners will get a chance to speak with talent agencies and receive cash prizes and gift certificates totaling: first place-\$175, second place-\$90 and third place- \$35. Tickets are on sale for \$4. This is a family event and children are encouraged to attend.

Contact Airman 1st Class Derek Williams at 456-4626, Senior Airman Kevin Robertson at 456-5714 or 456-2124, or Senior Airman Brandy McCain at 456-6016 for more information.

Retirement

Tech. Sgt. Leslie K. Baker-Tanuis, 8th Information Warfare Flight, will retire after 22 years of service in a ceremony May 7 at 2 p.m. in the 8th Air Force Museum.

$\overline{\mathcal{D}\mathcal{U}I}$ UPDATE

Last DUI: April 29 2d Security Forces Squadron

Total DUI's this year to date: 12 Total DUI's for 2003: 50

33 Active Duty, 27 were rank of Staff Sergeant or below

Airmen Against Drunk Driving 456-3344

AADD had 24 saves last weekend 274 saves this year.

ment and combat readiness. It also provides an opportunity to recognize our top per-All of us are fierce competitors--it is in formers so they can continue to excel while our blood to strive for excellence, and we enabling others to learn from their example. Our goals include: understand our calling simply does not allow for second place. We must be the best, 24/7, because our nation counts on us to fight and win. But it is not good enough to

 Accomplish 100 percent of our warfighting, exercise and training commitments

measure both unit and personal improve-

- Meet or exceed 80 percent of quarterly and annual HHQ metrics
- Earn an "Excellent" rating or higher on every evaluation
- Be in the top 10 percent or one of the top 3 wings in ACC for award/recognition winners, competition results, promotion opportunities and retention statistics
- Achieve a minimum of our three highest priority mission enhancement projects and quality of life initiatives

The first three goals directly reflect our total focus on mission excellence. Simply put, we must be perfect when it comes to meeting our combat requirements because there is zero margin for error. If we can meet the standards set by headquarters and excel on evaluations, then we know we are ready today as well as tomorrow to fix, fly and support bomber operations if the call comes to deploy and employ.

Our mission depends on providing quality training, exceptional leadership skills and

experience at every level. The fourth goal directly supports our commitment to personal and professional growth by building trust and pride in each other. The success of the Deuce clearly rests on the shoulders of every individual-we need every single person to be at his or her best all the time. If we are to keep the best, we must retain, promote and recognize each superstar across the base.

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Finally, it is important that world-class warriors and their families live and work in a world-class environment and have the 21st century tools they need to succeed. The last goal is a commitment to every Barksdale team member-we will work very hard to ensure every person has the resources he or she needs to excel.

I know these goals are not easily achievable and it will take hard work, dedication and a total team effort to claim victory. What we do here at Barksdale is critically important, and we must not let down our guard or be content to simply cruise along on autopilot. Instead, we must set our sites on these tough targets, have a clear flight plan for success and execute our mission perfectly EVERY DAY. Our nation and our Air Force is counting on you and Team Barksdale to set the standard for excellence-to be "First in peace, first in war and the first to victory!"

uery: Is there any way that we can reduce the number of "2BW all" messages that we get every day?

esponse: I certainly R esponse. I certainly agree with you that we have to reduce the number of e-mails! In today's world, email is a key part of our daily business but volume is a concern for all military personnel.

We are in the process of finalizing a 2 BW/All e-mail policy that will ease our eload. In this policy we will address the frequency of 2 BW/All e-mails and the use of organizational accounts for distributing non-duty related

However, you don't have to wait for the policy if you are a member of e-mail groups for particular base organizations and you would like to stop receiving e-mails from them please notify the POC that you want your name removed from those groups.

Key Customer Service Numbers

BX	752-9227
Casualty Office	456-2212
Civilian Pay	
Civilian Personnel	
Claims Office	456-2563
Clinic Patient Advocate	456-6361
Commissary	456-8263
Contracting	456-2113
Directory Assistance	456-2252
Environmental Flight	456-4629
Facilities and Utilities	456-3072
Housing	456-4324
Inspector General	456-5049
Law Enforcement	456-2551
Legal Assistance	456-2561
Military Pay	456-4733
Military Personnel	456-2117
Retiree Activities Office	
Safety	456-2569
Services	456-2475
Travel Pay	456-2766

ction Line

The Action Line is your avenue for complaints, suggestions and kudos on services provided at Barksdale. Your comments can help make the base a better place.

Although the Action Line is always available for use, the best and fastest way to resolve problems is through your chain of command or the organization involved.

I encourage you to go that route first. Then, if you still can't resolve it or don't know where to call, I'll be glad to do it for you. I'd also like to hear the positive feedback on your experiences on base.

When calling the Action Line, the messages are recorded. Please leave your name and phone number so we can get back to you if we need more information.

Call or email the Action Line at

456-4000

Staff: 456-5501/5502/1015/3241 Advertising: 459-3475

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Deployed leadership? Barksdale's got it

BY LT. COL. PHILLIP ROBINSON

2D MAINTENANCE SQUADRON COMMANDER

Many of us at Barksdale are busily preparing for our deployments to Guam and other AEF requirements.

Some are visiting the legal office to make sure wills and powers of attorney are in good order. Some are working with the finance office to make sure their pay and bills are taken care of before they depart. Some are busy coordinating child care or other family issues for the period they will be gone.

Supervisors are busy making sure their deployers have all their required training, proper equipment and that all obligations requiring their physical presence are met prior to departure.

Dealing with these and numerous other obligations prior to departure are vital to the success of each individual who volunteered or was chosen to deploy. In the midst of all of this preparation, we often overlook the important task of briefing our folks on potential leadership opportunities in the theater.

The deployed environment offers many prospects for higher levels of supervision and leadership than is afforded at home stations. Those who are chosen, willing, and able to step into those leadership roles will reap great rewards and face many challenges. When we are deployed, we are asked, and required to do much more than we do at home station. For example, deployers will be required to build and maintain personnel bunkers. They will be required to be an integral part of developing morale programs that help relieve some of the boredom that can come with being confined to small places. Deployers will also be tasked to offer ideas and physical labor for building projects such as Wing and Maintenance Operations Center construction, flooring for tents, an area for physical fitness facilities, makeshift recreation centers, communications projects and so on.

The end result of all their effort is readily apparent when you see the before and after pictures of the deployed location. The bulk of the reward and pride come from these positive changes. Nothing makes a person prouder than to see a great success and know that they were a huge part in making it happen.

I recall on a deployment to Qatar, the condition of the base as we arrived was marginally livable. When we left 90 days later, there was a recreation area complete with morale phones and computers, two movie tents, a library tent, a barber tent and two game tents. On the security side, the perimeter defense, which started with small sections of concertina wire and a few segments of chain link fence, was upgraded to three strand concertina wire and some of the most advanced electronic perimeter security available. A dirty water supply was cleaned up, and incoming water was potable. The fire department had two stations and some of the best equipment in the AOR. All of the troops (Air Force, Army and Canadian) had a part in that improvement, and were full of pride in passing on the base to their replacements.

That was the great reward.

Being deployed also brings significant challenges to leaders. To begin with, deployers will find they have limited expertise or manning to accomplish additional or unexpected mission requirements. People who deployed with specific thoughts of what they were to do may suddenly find themselves doing a job that they did not expect and may

not know much about. Nonetheless, the job has to be done.

Leaders are challenged to find troops who are motivated and incisive when it comes to manning these jobs. The right person with the right ideas can be very successful in these tasks.

Another significant challenge to deployed leaders is staying tuned in to the needs of the troops which may be somewhat different than when they are at home. Those needs run the gamut from procuring a tool to make the job go better to assisting with family troubles at home. The more a leader can do to show subordinates they care the better the subordinate's performance will be, especially in the deployed environment.

I recall a conversation I had with an Airman who felt that her husband was about to leave her. Her perception resulted from a cut-off phone call from several days earlier. Her supervisor noticed a dip in her morale and asked her about it. The supervisor arranged for a short additional morale call that revealed her husband had no such intentions. She returned to being the super productive troop she was before the misunderstanding. In another case, some fuels technicians were using a tool that did not have the right tip on it, because they did not have the right tip in theater. The supervisor noticed that the job always took longer than he expected and went to watch the troops at work. When he saw them using the wrong tip he researched and found that the right tip had been on order for way too long. He talked to the contracting officer and the finance folks and solved the problem for less than \$10 locally. He was a hero in the eyes of his troops. In both cases, the supervisors being tuned in to the troops resulted in quick fixes that turned tough situations into successes.

Perhaps the biggest task of deployed leadership is the challenge regarding completing the mission while adhering to technical orders and Air Force Instructions. Often the deployer's mindset changes as they think the mission mitigates the requirement for strict adherence to technical orders and Air Force Instructions. This creates a dangerous environment, because deviating from instructions and technical orders can jeopardize lives.

An example of not following instructions occurred when one of our deployed transient maintainers got up on a stand to refuel an aircraft but did not secure the handrail according to tech data. He fell from the stand, landed on the tarmac and suffered life threatening head injuries. He was rushed to the Qatari hospital barely clinging to life, because he didn't take the time to follow directions and ensure his own safety.

These are but a few of the many potential challenges deployed leaders face. No matter the challenge, it's imperative that the deployer, regardless of rank, is ready to be a leader when they arrive in theater. Deployers must look for leadership opportunities and excel at those opportunities, because their efforts will not only result in the success of the people, but in the exponential success of the mission.

Your country has placed a special trust and confidence in you to protect our freedom, at home and abroad. Your readiness ensures your ability to satisfy your obligation to that special trust. To those of you that are deploying, our best wishes.

I know you will make Barksdale proud in upholding the 2d Bomb Wing motto "Second to None!"

2nd Lt. explains why she traded stripes for bars

BY 2ND LT. MARLIS C. COOK

2d Communications Squadron

Don't get me wrong; I wouldn't have traded my enlisted time for anything. The experience I got, the jobs I worked and the people I met, I'll never forget them.

Then why did I do it? Why do most prior enlisted want to become officers? I know why I did it, but in an effort to gain a broader perspective and not have this be an article all about me (although I didn't see what was wrong with that), I asked some other "priors," as we're referred to, what made them make the jump.

Of all the answers I received, the overwhelming commonality was that we wanted to be able to make more of a difference in the way things were done. 2nd Lt. Darrell Apilado, 2d Communication Squadron, said he became an officer to "make more far-reaching changes for the betterment of those I work with, rather than the small changes I did as a staff sergeant."

Truly one of the only ways I saw to make a difference was to become part of the team of leadership that made the decisions

Many people ask me if money was a contributing factor. Let's be honest, would I give up technical sergeant pay with 15 years if I were going to take a pay cut? No.

However, I can say with utmost sincerity that money was NOT the deciding factor. There's always an opportunity to make money. I don't know anyone who joined the Air Force to get wealthy. If you don't have a sense of service and want to make a difference, then this is definitely not a move you want to make. Money won't make up for it when you're called on the carpet to answer for something.

Was it difficult? How did you get started? How long did it take? Are you still paying college loans? All good questions; all questions I have been asked since receiving my commission.

Was it difficult? Yes, but not impossible. I used Tuition Assistance and my GI Bill (before Tuition Assistance was 100 percent) to finish my degree. 2nd Lt. Anthony Bean, 2d CS, used the Bootstrap program and his GI Bill to get his degree in Computer Science. 2nd Lt. William Moore, 2d CS, said he went thru ROTC. "I was released from active duty for a year to attend school." Others used TA and Pell college grants to cover the costs.

How did you get started? Visit the base education office. They will have all the info you need to get started. How long did it take? It took me 12 years altogether. However, once I had a firm plan and was committed to

it, it only took 15 months. Others came in with some college and their graduation dates depended on how much they had already completed. Anywhere from one to three years was the norm.

Are you still paying for college loans? No. Not one prior I ran across was still paying for their college education, yet another great thing about our educational benefits

Stumbling blocks in attaining a commission included: not having the right information, being discouraged by supervisors (shame on them), and not thinking it was really achievable. Persistence is the key here. If you want it bad enough, you will work to make it happen. No, there is nothing wrong with remaining enlisted, if that's what you choose. We need good middle and senior NCO's - the Air Force couldn't function without them.

I'm not saying every enlisted person should run out and apply for a commission. I AM saying that if other enlisted members have discouraged you, don't take that to heart. If you feel that you have what it takes, or even think you might, I encourage you to seek out prior enlisted officers and have a chat with them. I don't know any who wouldn't take the time to give it to you straight. Take the first step, and don't give up.

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Horse Stables

The Double "B" Riding Club has approximately eight stalls available for horse boarding on the East Reservation, to also include an arena, a horse walker and approximately 100 acres of pasture for horse grazing with several riding trails nearby. Horse boarding costs \$25 per month, per horse, with a \$5 per month membership fee. Members are required to feed and care for their own horses and help with facility maintenance as required. Call Mr. Bill at 949-8573 or 617-1315 for more information.

ALS drill activities

ALS Class 04-D will host a drill presentation Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. on the drill pad located in front of the academic building.

Class 04-D will host the Chiefs vs. students volleyball challenge Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the ALS gym.

Class 04-E begins May 12. Students should report to the ALS auditorium no later than 7:20 a.m. Uniform of the day will be any blues combination. There will also be a spouse's orientation the same morning at 7:30 a.m. in the ALS auditorium. Any eligible student may bring their spouse for a briefing about the program.

Reserved parking

Barksdale drivers should be aware that parking in reserved parking can lead to a DD Form 1408, an Armed Forces Traffic ticket by 2d Security Forces Squadron.

Doughet Drive closing

Doughet Drive is permanently closed from south of Burger King to the intersection at Curtiss Road.

Special Olympics run

The Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run is set for 6:45 a.m. May 14. Participants will meet at the Bossier City Civic Center parking lot and run from there to the Shreveport Court House.

The registration fee is \$15 and it will cover the cost of one shirt, lapel pin, and insurance. It is not a donation to the Special Olympics Louisiana.

Contact Staff Sgt. Andrew Fletcher at 456-1697, Staff Sgt. J'Valyn Vaughn at 456-3508, or Senior Airman Elisha Pearon at 456-4270 to get registered. The deadline to register is close of business on May 7.

First Friday Social

The African American Heritiage Committee welcomes you to the First Friday Social, May 7, 4 p.m. at the Enlisted Club. Come out for free food, an open bar, good music and door prizes. Also there will be a special presentation to the Barksdale Cheerleaders. Contact Lt. Maclin Williams at 456-2869 for information.

Officials explain CJR waiting list

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- To help meet end-strength goals under force shaping, Air Force officials will limit re-enlistments of Airmen in constrained specialties by establishing quotas, a waiting list and career job reservation application windows.

"First-term airmen must apply for and have an approved CJR to re-enlist," said Tech. Sgt. Darlene Overton, 2d Mission Support Squadron, NCOIC, re-enlistments. "The CJR application window for four-year enlistees is the 35th and 43rd month, and for six-year enlistees it's the 59th and the 67th month."

The mission of the career job reservation wait list is to prevent overages and surpluses in certain career fields, said Sgt. Overton.

"It also allows AFPC to maintain a career job requirement file for each Air Force specialty," Sgt. Overton said.

First-term Airmen serving in career fields that are currently overmanned may not be allowed to re-enlist, unless they are approved to retrain in another specialty.

"First term airmen, both four and six year enlistees, will be affected," said Sgt. Overton, who is tasked with verifying CJR eligibility for First Term Airmen, processing applications and reenlistments, and making notifications. "Currently, the constrained AFSCs fall into the maintenance, communications, and civil engineering fields. Supervisors

should become familiar with the program in order to assist Airmen with career advice."

Barksdale's military personnel flight, or MPF, will send notification memos to all Airmen who are in their CJR eligibility window and have been selected for re-enlistment by their commanders, said Sgt. Overton.

"Airmen should immediately report to the MPF reenlistment office upon receipt of notification to apply," Sgt. Overton said "Non-constraint AFSC applications will be approved at the time the application is submitted. Applications of constraint AFSCs are processed at AFPC; therefore Airmen may be placed on a waiting list. The first CJR notifications under the new program are expected to go out the first week of May."

Airmen whose AFSC is on the constraint list should also look at opportunities such as retraining; should their CJR not get approved, said Sgt. Overton.

"Airman whose CJRs are not approved, or do not have approved retraining, will separate on their date of separation," Sgt. Overton said. "Those that are projected for separation are encouraged to consider continuing military service with a reserve, guard, or federal civilian component."

Airmen are encouraged to continue serving the military with the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve or through military civilian employment, said Master Sgt. Robert Tullgren, HQ

AFPC, enlisted skills management branch superintendent.

"The list of overmanned specialties and quotas is established by Air Staff officials," Sgt. Tullgren said.

Airmen are encouraged to seek advice from their supervisors, the command support staff, or the MPF re-enlistment's office, said Sgt. Overton.

"They may also contact [Barksdale's] career assistance advisor, Senior Master Sgt. Kenneth Dunn at 456-4957," Sgt. Overton added.

Airmen desiring to re-enlist in overmanned specialties will be placed on a CJR waiting list and "rank ordered" to compete monthly for available quotas within the specialty. An Airman's ranking on the list may alter as his or her information changes, or as new people apply.

Factors affecting how Airmen rank on the list are determined by the

following: unfavorable information file, top three enlisted-performance reports, current grade, projected grade, date of rank, total active federal military service date and date of birth.

Airmen will receive final rank-order consideration during the last month of their CJR window. That is when Airmen will face the final decision of whether to separate or retrain into a shortage career field.

Airmen can access a list of quotas by visiting http://www.afpc.randolph.af.m-il/enlskills/Reenlistments/reenlisments.htm.

Earth Day



Celebrating Earth Day April 20, local schoolchildren on visited Barksdale to learn about environmental issues concerning their world. The students were shown Barksdale's massive recycling facilities, then visited the Natural Resources office.

You can never have too many heroes

BY MASTER SGT. GINGER SCHREITMUELLER
AIR FORCE SPECIAL OPERATIONS COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

It wasn't a heated discussion, but certainly one that provoked a vocal exchange of opinions. It wasn't about politics, policies or religion. It was centered on a four-letter word: Hero.

My friend insisted the term is overused, being randomly placed in news articles that highlight individuals for everything from saving a trapped kitten to Airmen on the battle-fields in Iraq. His viewpoint is if you label everyone a hero, then you degrade the significance of the term. If you are just doing your job, you can't be a hero. You are just good at what you do.

Not true, I countered. Labeling people as heroes does not belittle the term. On the contrary, it enhances the power of the word. That is when I stepped on my soapbox.

I have tons of heroes. Some have done unbelievable feats. Some have done simple little actions. All make a serious impact on my life.

For example, Superman is my hero. He is strong and tough on the outside; inside he is mild mannered. Kryptonite aside, he reminds me that you have to have balance in your life.

My family and friends, whose faith has pulled me over some Grand Teton-sized rough spots, are my heroes. They are constant reminders that I have a cheering section when I need one.

My children are my heroes. They know how to make me laugh when I want to cry. They continually surprise me with their levelheaded philosophy on living life. They remind me being a mom is the coolest job in the world.

Then there are people like re-



tired Master Sgt. Tim Wilkinson. His personal courage and humble attitude remind me that dedication and professionalism make the difference even when you're in the midst of a 15-hour firefight.

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As I rambled on with my list of heroes, my friend conceded the discussion with his hands up in an "I-quit" gesture. I didn't necessarily win but I did make my point. Everyone needs heroes and you can't have too much of a good thing.

My personal list of heroes is endless, and I hope I continue to add names to that illustrious list every chance I get. Heroes are those whose actions, words, deeds or mere presence portray courage and strength. My heroes remind me what is important in life. It is not about being good at your job or being recognized for some specific achievement. It is about the impact you make in the life of others.

All you can ever hope is that you are on someone's list of heroes.

DUIs come with steep consequences

Loss of driving privileges, loss of pay follow accident

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JOHNNY THOMPSON

31st Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

On April 27, I got a DUI, or driving under the influence, charge.

I started my evening by drinking with some people in the dorms for a going away party. Later, I went to a local club off base for an hour or so and left about 2:30 a.m. It was raining hard and I was halfway home when I ran through a water puddle and my car veered to the right. I overcorrected to the left and my car flipped over three times and ended up on the other side of the road in a field upside down

All I could think about was my wife and kids. I was trapped inside my car, the power was off, and for a minute I thought my windows were rolled up. I realized the back window on the passenger side was down and I was able to crawl out.

Thanks to God I didn't have a scratch on me. I remember talking to someone who has a friend, who had an accident similar to mine, but he wasn't so lucky. Since I was under the influence of alcohol my reflexes were slow, and I just went with the flow. My blood alcohol content was .20, which was more than two times the legal limit.

After the accident I started really thinking. Not just about my career, but how my actions affected my family and could have affected the families of others. I couldn't stop asking myself, "Why was I so

irresponsible? What if I had died? What if I had hit someone else and what if they had kids in the car? How would my wife explain to my kids what happened and how selfish their father was?"

Right now I'm just trying to get my life back together and be the father, husband and the kind of Airman that I should be.

I will say that drinking and driving is very serious. Before you drink and drive, try to think, I mean really think, about yourself, your family, and friends

and about others you could have endangered by your actions. Think about the affect it would have on them. I was lucky. I am still alive and able to be with my family, and tell my story; someone else might not be so lucky.

That one night changed my life. My mis

That one night changed my life. My mistake hurt my career and my family. I received an Article 15 and my commander punished me by taking a stripe. I was a senior airman with six years in the military. I now am an airman first class. I also was given 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

It will take me 18 months to put senior airman back on and the loss in pay of \$283.80 a month over the next 18 months will be approximately \$5,108.40. In addition, I lost my driving privileges for a year. I am lucky, however, because I still have my life, my wife has a husband, and my children still have their father.

It will be a long hard process to keep my career and family in a positive shape, but I will do everything I can to get back on my feet. It took an incident like this for me to really think about my life, my family, and the lives of others on the road.

As a member of the Air Force I hear the briefings, I see the Armed Forces Network spots, I read the articles about not drinking and driving, but it took an experience like this to realize that it is simply not worth the risk of driving a vehicle or even getting into a vehicle when the driver has had just one drink.

In my situation, I simply quit drinking. Be responsible, use common sense, and listen and learn from my experience. Hopefully, my story can save your career, and, most important of all, save someone else's life and yours. (Courtesy of U.S. Air Forces in Europe News Service)



CARELESSNESS IS DANGEROUS

Attitude makes a difference in Air Force

BY 2ND LT. HEATHER ALDEN
100TH COMPTROLLER SQUADRON

What, exactly, is Air Force attitude? It's a vague thing, really. It's hard to define sometimes, but when you see it, you recognize it immediately.

You see it in the sharp troop at the gate who is chilled to the bone, yet still sports a uniform as crisp as the winter air. He still takes the time to ask how you're doing, then bids you farewell with a smile on his face.

You see it in the first sergeant who makes it her top priority to care for her troops and their families, and in the squadron members who step up alongside the first sergeant to ensure families of deployed members are provided for. You see it on any Air Force base in the neatly landscaped lawns and the immaculate buildings.

The Air Force attitude is all around us. It's what

makes us stand out in a crowd. It's the cornerstone of our culture. It is something we learn the second we begin our Air Force careers -- and it's not just a military thing. It's instilled in our Air Force civilians, our families, even the communities in which we serve.

The Air Force attitude comprises the core values, the customs and courtesies, the leadership skills and the professionalism we are taught from Day One.

We show off our attitude by how much care we take with our uniforms; how sharply we salute; how we render respect for the flag and those who came before us during retreat; with the pride we take in our organizations and the care we take with the resources we are given.

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The Air Force attitude begins in the shared acceptance and embodiment of the core values. The core values give us the common ground on which we base our actions. They are the building blocks of

our attitude. "Integrity first," "service before self" and "excellence in all we do" are our Air Force core. They are our heart.

If we're faced with a dilemma, we strive to do the right thing, even when no one's looking. That's integrity, and it is prevalent throughout the Air Force.

If we're given a job to do, we do our best. We always strive to improve ourselves and push our troops to challenge themselves. That's excellence and we see it from our peers, subordinates and leaders every day. Airmen and civilians alike do excellent work, we demand excellent work from others, and we recognize excellence when we see it.

Service before self ... that's our daily bread. We are faced with tough jobs that sometimes keep us from doing what we'd enjoy and instead have us doing what must be done.

Who cares if we don't have a "battle cry" -- we've got attitude!

Blue Room still place for Airmen

By Airman 1st Class Justasia Lehmann

Observer

Since the Blue Room Café, located in the Stratofortress dorm building, opened in November 2003, dormitory residents have had a centralized meeting place to watch television, play video games, or just hang out and meet new people.

Business in the Blue Room Café was slow at first, but a steady flow of residents frequent it nowadays, said Airman 1st Class Kevin Snider, 2d Civil Engineer Squadron engineering assistant and dorm council president.

"Attendance depends on the day. During the week, it is naturally less popular. During the weekends, when many [Airmen] are off duty, attendance picks up considerably," said Airman Snider.

Attendance also depends on the different events held in the blue room - pool tournaments and spades tournaments draw a lot of people, said Airman Snider.

For many Airmen new to the dorms the dorms, the Blue Room Café serves as a meeting place.

"It's a great place to make new friends and to hang out with your old friends," said Airman Erin McCormick, 2d Bomb Wing chapel assistant, who has been at Barksdale for two months.

There's more to do in the blue room than meeting, or hanging out with other people. The blue room also serves as a way to keep Airmen morale up.

"We want the residents to have a fulfilling Air Force experience. It's a great place to start. Since its inception, the Blue Room Café has put those who arrive here post-Blue Room at an advantage over those who arrived pre-Blue Room. They know, almost immediately, where and how everything goes. We have people come in here within the first week that they arrive at Barksdale, and they're delighted at what they find. It enables Airmen to hit the ground running, so to speak," said Airman Snider.

Keeping a place like the Blue Room Café running requires the coordinated efforts of key dorm people.

"As the dorm council president, I am the general manager," said Airman Snider. "Airman 1st Class Tonisia Johnson, the dorm council treasurer, manages the inventory and determines which products to serve. And there is a weekly rotation for each of the dorm chiefs. The chiefs in turn oversee residents who have elected to volunteer," .

Airmen who want to volunteer to run the Blue Room Café can sign up for a shift on the sign up sheet on the counter in the blue room, said Airman Snider.

There are many reasons airmen should volunteer to run the blue room, he said. "First off, it's the easiest EPR bullet you'll ever get. Secondly, it's an opportunity to meet people and help out where you can. Third, it's actually kind of fun. Lots of folks, varying crowds, varying activities," said Airman Snider.

The Blue Room Cafe is open Mondays through Thursdays, 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. The weekend hours are 5 p.m. Fridays to 10 p.m. Sundays.



Airman 1st Class Ryan Kasper, 2d Munitions Squadron, sets up a shot while playing pool in the Blue Room Cafe Wednesday.

Base personnel work to keep residents safe

COURTESY OF 2D MEDICAL GROUP

Here at Barksdale, Public Health and Civil Engineer Entomology work hand-in-hand to ensure the safety and health of Air Force personnel and families from vectors. Vectors are organisms, such as a mosquitoes or ticks, that carry disease-causing microorganisms from one host to another. Through surveillance trapping and fogging, the threat of vector-borne disease can be prevented.

PREVENTION:

You can do a lot to help control insect disease vectors around your house:

Empty stagnate water containers-- buckets, cans, shallow holes, old tires, neglected wading pools.

Many biting insects are most active the hour after sunrise and the hours before sunset – avoid being outdoors at these

• Use insect repellents – many good brands now com-

bine DEET with sunscreen.

- Use Citronella
- Wear long sleeve shirts and long pants when mosquito activity is heavy in evenings and morning
- •Make sure you have good seals around windows and doorframes — many good products are available
- •Tie all garbage tightly in trash bags and keep garbage cans sealed tightly. One unsealed garbage can will produce thousands of flies for the neighborhood in a single week.

Public Health and CE Entomology trap mosquitoes and other insect pests around base. Insect trapping allows early identification of pests likely to be carriers of dangerous human diseases (such as the amount and type of mosquitoes). This information is given back to entomology for determining the right kind of intervention. Ticks and Roaches are also trapped and identified.

BASE FOGGING:

Mosquito fogging on Barksdale AFB is performed regu-

larly starting in late March and continuing to the early autumn months. Pedestrians, bicyclers, joggers and vehicles should maintain at least a 50-foot distance behind fogging vehicles and parents are advised to remove children and pets from the area until the fogging cloud has dispersed. If you are a jogger or bicycler, please don't follow the fogging trucks in the late evening. They are identified by their slow speed, the loud compressor sound and insecticide smell coming from them.

The typical fogging pesticide is a dilute Malathion -- effective against small light flying insects such as mosquitoes. gnats and some flies, but not effective against heavier bodied insects such as bees, wasps and dragonflies. Malathion degrades rapidly and is relatively non-toxic for humans and

For questions on the Barksdale Mosquito Control Program, please contact Staff Sgt. Joel A. Williams at 456-

Getting the runaround



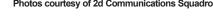
Airman Brandon Kusek/Observe

A base person uses the outside running track Wednesday. The track was recently closed for paving and is now open for runners to use at the sports and fitness center.





Though the Air Show weekend's weather was inclimate, forcing officials to delay Saturday's and cancel Sunday's show, the rainstorms and thunder could not completely keep Barksdale from celebrating aviation. Clockwise from above: A member of the Wings of Blue parachutes to the ground sporting the Stars and Stripes. Top left: An F-18 soars through the skies. Bottom left: Shockwave, a jetpowered truck, speeds down the Barksdale flightline with a demonstration of raw jet power. Bottom center: A Boy Scout checks out the show overhead. Bottom right: A member of the Above and Beyond Air Force Reserve flight team taxis down the flightline.









Cajun Warrior Attitude



J. Manny Guendulay/Observer

Staff Sgt. Rebecca Hancock

Family: Larry Hancock, husband

Hometown: Olympia, Wash.

Unit: 2d Medical Support Squadron

Job Title: NCOIC, Mammography

Department

Job Description: Manage the mammogra-

phy department, perform mammograms and routine x-rays

Most rewarding job aspect: Helping prevent breast cancer by detecting early breast tumors through mammography

Goals: To complete a radiology degree

Hobbies: Golfing and fishing

What motivates my winning attitude: Put forth the 100 percent effort in everything that you do and you will succeed.

Favorite food: Pasta

Person I admire the most: My parents

I'm proudest of: All that I have accomplished in my Air Force career

Best day of my life: The day I got married

My best asset is: My positive attitude

Pet peeve: Laziness

What I like most about Barksdale: The extra curricular activities provided by 2d Services Squadron

If I could change anything about Barksdale, it would be: Install lights on the driving range

Most influential person for you in the Air Force and why: Master Sgt. Julie Scroggins at Randolph, AFB, Texas. She always encouraged me to do my best. She truly cared about her troops and took a genuine interest in them.

2d Medical Support Squadron at a Glance

Group Commander: Col. Jerry Owen

Squadron Commander: Lt. Col. Joanne

McPherson

First Sergeant: Master Sgt. Jeffrey

Sanders

Squadron Motto: Who's the best? MDSS

Air Force One Source...

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When you don't have time to go to the Family Support Center Online! or other helping agencies, take advantage of the wealth of information and resources that Air Force One Source Online offers. Simply log on today at www.airforceonesource.com (User ID: airforce Password: ready)

Whether you're new to the Web or have been surfing for years, Air Force One Source Online gives you immediate access to the advice, support, and information you need to help balance your work and personal life. Air Force One Source Online offers assistance on a variety of issues, including taking care of yourself and your family, building your career, managing your money, strengthening relationships, facing the challenges of dormitory or single life, and coping with ups and downs everyday.

Looking for new child care in your area? Want to develop a monthly personal budget or figure out what kind of mortgage you can afford? Need practical advice about a problem at work, finding home care for an older relative, organizing your time, or handling personal issues? You'll find the solutions to all of these questions and much more when you visit Air Force One Source Online. It's an easy-to-use, online resource that can help make things a little



Reservations required for all events

Personal and family readiness briefing

The Family Support Center's Readiness Team is ready and able to provide information and support on Thursday and May 13 at 2 p.m. to prepare for during times of separation.

Visit the center for this important briefing to prepare active duty members and their families for separation due to deployment or TDY. Spouses or significant others are encouraged to attend.

Call 456-8400 for more information.

Pre-separation briefing

The law directs that pre-separation briefing commence as soon as possible within the preceding 24 or 12 months respectively? Better preparation leads to a smoother transition back to civilian life. This mandatory briefing will inform you of the resources available as you make this change.

Call the Family Support Center at 456-8400 to schedule this important brief-

English as a Second language

This class, offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m., provides essential language skills to assist students, personally and professionally, learning to speak, read and write English. These skills can aid in the transition to American culture.

Transition Assistance Program seminar

This three-day workshop, on Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., is conducted by the Department of Labor and is designed to help military members and their spouses make sound career decisions as they transition from military service to civilian life.

Learn the skills needed to complete a successful self-directed job search. Based on comments made by attendees, most have said they wish they had taken advantage of this workshop 12 to 24 months prior to leaving the service.

Sign up to receive the tools needed to help you and your family prepare for this new challenge.

Relocation briefing

According to AFI, all PCSing members must attend a relocation briefing at least 90 days prior to their departure date. Learn about the many resources available for a smooth and pleasant transition to your next duty assignment.

Call 456-8400 as soon as possible to schedule your briefing. Spouses are always encouraged to attend.

Airman's Attic

Donations of spring and summer clothing (for adults and children) and "gently loved" toys are now needed to stock the Airman's Attic. All clothing items should be clean, not stained or torn, and toys should be in good repair.

These serviceable items can be dropped off at Family Services (located in the Family Support Center) between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.

The Airman's Attic provides free household items, clothing, toys, uniforms, books and more to personnel grade E-4 and below and on a case-by-case basis for E-5 and above.

Air Force As A Second Language

Some new Air Force spouses enter the world of the military with many questions about acronyms, Air Force programs and services, benefits, etc. This informative booklet answers many of the questions they might have and possibly some they haven't considered. Anyone may come by the Family Support Center to pick up a copy today.

Parents & Tots playgroup

Fun for both parents and young children, this informal playgroup helps improve the social skills of pre-school children while improving parenting skills and child development knowledge through sharing with each other on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Chapel 2 Annex.

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Base Chapel Services

Duty Chaplain for Emergencies: 456-2151



Catholic

Confession, Chapel Two, Saturday, 4:30 p.m. Mass, Chapel Two, Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Mass, Chapel Two, Sunday, 9 a.m.
Confraternity Christian Doctrine, Chapel Two, Sunday, 10 a.m.
Mass, Chapel One, Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

Protestant

Liturgical Communion Service, Chapel One, Sunday 9 a.m. Community Worship Service, Chapel Two, Sunday 10:30 a.m. Inspirational Gospel Worship Service, Chapel Two, Sunday Noon Contemporary Praise Service, Chapel Two, Sunday 6 p.m. Family Night, Chapel Two, Wednesdays, 6:30-8 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is coming up this summer and Mrs. Laura Barber is seeking volunteers. Vacation Bible School offers a time when children can focus on their faith and growing in their faith. This is always a highly attended event every year and lots of adults are needed to help guide the children. Contact Mrs. Barber at 456-3689 for more details.

Protestant Parish Council

The Protestant Parish Council meets May 20 at 4 p.m. to elect new officers and determine a budget to recommend to the senior Protestant chaplain and wing chaplain.

Anyone interested in the Protestant Parish may come and give input. A meal is planned in conjunction with the meeting.

Education Center 456 - 2615



CLEP testing update

The CLEP eCBT \$50 fee is now funded for eligible military people at "Military Friendly" national test centers. Appropriate military identification and an identification with signature is required.

The local test center fee charged by the centers is not funded and must be paid by the student. In our area, the college board has identified Louisiana State University at Shreveport as "Military Friendly."

Interested students should contact the test center at 797-5187 to reserve a date and time for testing.



April 12

Heir Force

Barksdale's Latest Arrivals

Name Born Ella Elizabeth April 6

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Parents

Staff Sgt. Robert and Shylo Seaman 2d Logistics Readiness Squadron A1C Damon and Gina Blankin 2d Munitions Squadron

To announce your latest arrival, call the Observer at 456-5501 or 456-3241 or email observer@barksdale.af.mil

S E H E A T E

Today

7 p.m. — "Dawn of the Dead" R

Ving Rhames, Sarah Polly — A remake of the classic George Romero movie, Dawn of the Dead pits ordinary people who hideout in a against a mob of zombies. One one thing is different this time around: the zombies are fast. Faster Zombies = More Horror

Saturday

7 p.m. — "Taking Lives" R

Angelina Jolie, Kiefer Sutherland — A successful FBI profiler, Illeana Scott, is summoned to help out Canadian law enforcement in Montreal, to hunt down a serial killer who assumes the lives and identities of the people he kills as he travels across North America, which forces Illeana to adjust to working in a strange city with a police team with which she does not really fit.

Sunday

7 p.m. — "Never Die Alone" R

DMX, **Michael Ealy** — A drug kingpin's return home touches off a turf war. The kingpin King David seeks redemption but ends up only finding violent death. His final moments are spent with a journalist who only knew him for a few minutes, but long enough to record his life, and impact the journalist who heard it.

Friday, May 7 are subject to change

without notice

7 p.m. — "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind"

Admission: Adults \$2.50 Children \$1.25

"What's Cooking?" Red River Dining Facility

Items subject to change

Lunch — Beef and corn pie, seafood newburg, veal steaks Dinner — Corned beef, pot roast, chicken

SATURDAY

Brunch — Creole shrimp, baked chicken, meatballs Supper — Goulash, baked fish, barbecue chicken

SUNDAY

Brunch — Spareribs, chicken breast, oven-fried fish Supper — Steak, beef stir-fry, turkey nuggets

MONDAY

Lunch — Pot roast, baked stuffed fish, roast pork Dinner — Chili mac, beef cannelloni, fried chicken

TUESDAY

Lunch — Veal parmesan, teriyaki chicken, salmon Dinner — Meat loaf, country chicken, turkey

WEDNESDAY

Lunch — Barbecue ham, turkey and noodles, beef Dinner — Pork chops, barbecue spareribs, chicken

THURSDAY

Lunch — Cabbage rolls, fried catfish, baked chicken Dinner — Cornish hens, roast pork, jaegerschnizel

FRIDAY, May 7

Lunch — Swiss steak, baked chicken, stuffed peppers Dinner — Italian sausage, lasagna, spaghetti



Youth baseball program a hit Sports Shorts

The grass is getting greener, the birds and bees are flying around a little more and the baseballs fields are once again full of life.

The youth baseball season got underway Monday with an introduction of the teams, the playing of the national anthem, and the first pitch thrown out by Maj. John Ogden Jr., commander of the 2d Services Squadron, to J.T. McGuire, who is the catcher for the 9-year-old Dodgers team. The first games were played on Tuesday because the fields were too wet from the rain.

Children ages 5 to 13 were split up into 14 teams, but not all the teams play each other because of the age differences. The 5-year-olds play teeball, the 6-and 7-year-olds play coach pitch baseball. The 8-and 9-year-olds play using a machine to pitch, and 10-years old and up play regular baseball.

"All the people working are volunteers whether they are parents of a child playing, or an Airman who wants to spend time working with younger people. The coaches are split about half parents half people wanting to help," said Lisa Pinder, who is in charge of the program.

The work of the volunteers is greatly appreciated by all of the kids playing.

"I have a lot of fun, it gives me a chance to play baseball with my friends," said Austin Myers, who plays on the 5-and 6-year-old Cubs.

Most of the games are played on a time limit. The coachpitched teams play until each player has batted once and they only get 10 pitches. The 10-to 13-year-olds play regular baseball and they also play under the one hour time lim-

The teams take the field Tuesdays and Thursdays with three games at 5:15 p.m. and three games at 6 p.m. They also play on Saturdays at 9 a.m. All of the games are played on base because the league is sponsored by the Barksdale



Phillies pitcher Tyler Schmitdke pitches to an Orioles batter during Tuesday's youth baseball match.



to the plate from third base. Youth baseball takes the youth vary from 5 to 13.

A Cubs player moves into position to catch a throw place Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Ages of

Sports advisory council meeting

A sports advisory council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday at 2 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Mission Support Group Conference Room.

Contact Staff Sgt. Scott Robertson or Master Sgt. James Mitchell at 456-4135 for directions or more information.

Archery

Outdoor Recreation will host a 3-D archery tournaments on the following dates: May 23 and June 27 with starting times between 9 a.m. and noon.

The fees are: Pro-\$25, Non-members-\$10, Members, Youth and Cub-\$5 and Pee Wee-free.

Call Marilyn at 456-3426 for more information.

Softball

The 2004 softball season is set to begin May 24. The deadline for entry is Wednesday.

A coaches meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the fitness center.

The softball fields are now off limits due to the fact that grass has just been planted. Fields are on schedule to be ready for the start of the season.

The youth center fields are also off limits to prac-

Call Staff Sgt. Scott Robertson at 456-4135 for more information.

Coaches

Spring lacrosse coaches are needed for spring season for grades three through eight boys. The season runs through May. Apply at Broadmoor YMCA.

Contact Pete Bolton at 674-9635 or e-mail pbolton@shreve.net for more information.

Get fit team challenge

The 3rd annual Get Fit Team Challenge will start the first week in May and run through the first week

Teams are made up of five members that are given an initial assessment at the Health and Wellnes Center that involves weight, body fat measurement and blood pressure checks.

Participants are then given a log book where they track exercise habits and fruit and vegetables intake and at the end of the competition the teams with the highest point totals and weight loss win prizes.

To enter or get more information, call the HAWC at 456-8046 or 456-6011.

Paintball

The Paintball range on the east reservation will be open for action Saturday.

Two sessions are offered: 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. The \$12 fee covers the rental of the gun, mask CO2 refills and the first 100 rounds of ammo. Additional paintballs must be purchased on site.

Come dressed to play with long sleeved shirts and full length pants. A reservation must be made by the Friday prior.

Call Marilyn at 456-3426 for more information.

Circuit training

Circuit training takes place Mondays through Thursdays at 11 a.m. in the sports and fitness center's

Call Byron Hardy at 456-8046 for more information.

Party!

Sail over to the

30at Float

Boogie

È Cardboard Boat regatta

Build Get Boat Team

Use only milk jugs, cardboard and duct tape

Get in Race it

Friday, June 4 6-10 P.m.

At the west Pool!

Keg Rodeo, water volleyBall and Prize Dive

spectators welcome!

Call 456-6955 or 456-3448 for Details





HIGHLIGHTS

Cinco De Mayo Dinner

A party featuring a taco bar and pepper eating contest is scheduled at the officers club on May 5. See page B

Mash Bash Party

Mash Bash at Hangar II will take place on May 28 with a Clinger and Hot Lips Hoolahan look-alike contest. See page B

Free Golf Lessons

Get free golf lessons at Fox Run Golf Course as part of the PGA's Free esson Month.

See page C

Horseback Riding Trip

A fun trip to Jefferson, Texas is scheduled for June 19 with outdoor

See page D

May Fitness Month

Get a free T-shirt at the fitness center during May Fitness Month. See page E

Youth Summer Day Camp

Registration starts for summer day camp featuring Missoula Drama Camp. See page F

Half-price Six Flags Tickets

Military discounts of up to 53 percent off Six Flags Over Texas admission tickets at Gifts and Getaways. See page G

Boat Float Boogie

Build a boat from cardboard, milk jugs and duct tape and win \$200 at this first time fun event.

See page G

AllRanks MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

Sunday, May 9

2 seatings: 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

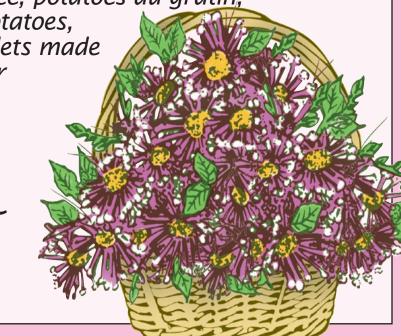
(10:30 a.m. seating ends at 12:30 p.m., club reopens for 1:30 p.m. seating)

Enjoy roasted turkey with sage dressing, honey glazed ham, marinated breast of chicken, creole jambalaya, tender prime rib of beef with au jus and horseradish sauce, potatoes au gratin,

rice pilaf, mashed potatoes, cheese blintzes, omelets made to order, and all your traditional breakfast favorites!

Officers Club

Reservations are required. Call 456-4926



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Gifts & Getaways 456-1865

New Extended Hours

Gifts and Getaways in the BX mall is extending its operating hours to better serve its customers. They are now open Mondays - Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. They close Sundays and holidays. Call 456-1865 for more information or to reserve your discount tickets for upcoming events and attractions.

Battlewings Tickets

Are you ready for some football? Arena football is here and Gifts and Getaways is the place to get Bossier-Shreveport Battlewings tickets and schedules. The savings are huge...military get from 23-40 percent off normal gate prices. Get in on the hard-hitting, high-scoring action.

Schlitterbahn Water Park

Gifts and Getaways has discount tickets to Schlitterbahn Waterpark Resort, named America's number one water park by the Travel Channel, in New Braunfels, Texas just outside of San Antonio, and to Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark in sunny South Padre Island, where you'll find Schlitterbahn fun with a tropical

Include these parks in your next vacation or TDY plan. Save up to 14 percent off normal gate admission, only at Gifts and Getaways in the BX

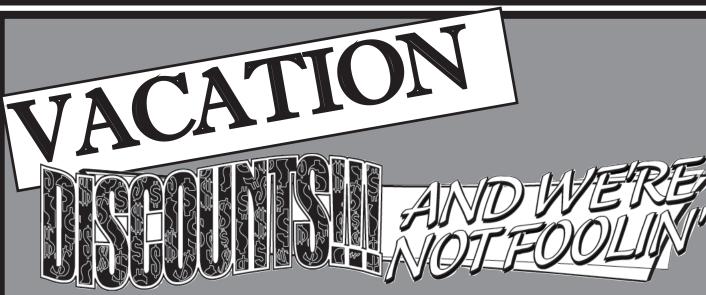
Renaissance Festival

Scarborough Faire, the 24th annual renaissance festival is open on weekends now-May 31. The festival celebrates the majesty of 16th century England during the days of King Henry VIII. It is located just outside of Dallas/Ft. Worth and was named one of the top things to do in the DFW metroplex.

Scarborough Faire features full combat jousting, falconry, 200 craft booths and artisan demonstrations, pubs and taverns, 60 food vendors, a children's area and 11 entertainment stages. Get your tickets at Gifts and Getaways for only \$14.50 for adults and \$5.50 for kids...a savings of 15 percent.

Half-price Six Flags Tickets

Spring is here and Six Flags Over Texas Amusement Park is now open. Get Six Flags tickets for less than half of normal gate prices. Tickets start at \$25.00. Stop by Gifts and Getaways in the BX Mall to take advantage of these huge savings.



Destination:	Save Up To:
Adventure Island (Tampa)	21%
Busch Gardens (Tampa)	21%
Disneyland (California)	18%
Fiesta Texas (San Antonio)	17%
Great Passion Play (Eureka Springs	, AR) 33%
Magic Springs (Hot Springs, AR)	20%
Medieval Times (Dallas)	44%
Aquarium of the Americas (New C	Orleans) 11%
Scarborough Faire (Waxahatchie,	TX) 15%
Sea World (San Antonio)	21%
Six Flags Over Texas (Arlington)	53%
Splash Town (San Antonio)	37%
Texas Rangers Baseball (Arlington	n) 25%
Disney World (Orlando)	\$15-\$33

Gifts & Getaways in the BX Mall 456-1866

Robert Trent Jones Golf

Golfers, resort golf is affordable and now is the time for a Robert Trent Jones golf get-away. Barksdale is the only place to get your hefty military discounts on RTJ golf! Play any of the award-winning courses for as little as \$24, which includes green fee and cart rental. Great discounts on hotels are also available. We will put together a special trip package for groups. Call Mary Gang in Arts & Crafts at 456-5594 for details.

Discount Disney Tickets

Take the family to the happiest place on earth! See Mickey and gang and save \$15 to \$33 on Walt Disney World tickets. Hopper packages grant you admission to all four Orlando parks...Magic Kingdom, Disney - MGM Studios, Disney's Animal Kingdom and Epcot. They are available for periods of four days to a week. Come to Gifts and Getaways to plan the vacation of a lifetime without breaking the bank.

Texas Rangers Baseball

Tickets are on sale now for Texas Rangers Major League Baseball in Arlington, Texas. The Dallas Metroplex is only three hours from Barksdale and a plethora of fun and excitement awaits. Military discounts reduce prices up to 25 percent. Prices are from \$4-\$40 depending on the seating section. We can also make your hotel reservations. Stop by Gifts & Getaways in the new BX Mall to purchase your tickets.

Officers Club 456-4926



One Dollar Lunch

Dollar lunch is back by popular demand May 18 at the officers club. Show your club card and get the Mega Buffet for only one dollar. This is part of the Members First program. Encourage a friend to join the club, as it pays to be a club member.

One Dollar Dinner

When was the last time you got a great deal on a meal? Club members can come to the officers club on May 12 and have dinner for only a dollar. This is part of the Members First program and the club's way of thanking its valuable membership.

Enlisted Club 456-4467 **Lunch Moves to O-Club**

Due to road construction, lunch at the enlisted club has moved to the

officers club, until further notice. Special functions scheduled at the enlisted club will remain there. The lounge will also operate as normal.

Uncle Louie's Closes

Due to the road construction at the enlisted club, Uncle Louies is now closed until further notice.

Beer Tasting

Enjoy free beer tasting for club members on May 21 in the main lounge. The fun starts at 4:30 p.m. Show your club card and have a free cold one. Bring out all your buddies and relax after work.

Thirsty Tuesday

Unwind every Tuesday with 85 cent domestic draft beer, \$3.50 pitchers and 25 cent hot wings. Groups are welcome.

Weekend Dance Nights

Dance every weekend with tunes from Nitelife. Enjoy social hour each Friday from 4-6 p.m. May 7 is Latin Night, May 8 is Rhythm and Blues, May 14-15 is Hip Hop, May 22 is Rhythm and Blues, May 28 is Oldies but Goodies and May 29 is Hip Hop. Admission is free for club members and \$3 for non-members.





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Youth Center 456-3448

Symmer Day Camp at the Youth Center



MAY 21-AUGUST 16 MONDAY - FRIDAY 6:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Healthy Breakfast
Lunch and Snacks
Fitness Activities
Missoula Drama Camp
Fishing
Swimming
Community Involvement
Weekly Field Trips



Register now through May 2 from 8 -11 a.m. and 3-5 p.m. Register now - May 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Weekly fees based on family income level Call the Youth Center for details at 456-3448

Chess Anyone?

Plans for a new chess league are in the works and players are needed. Adults and youth are welcome to participate. Chess is a great game for exercising your mind. A sharp, strategic mind benefits your personal, recreational and professional life. If you would like to play league chess, call Master Sgt. Robert Hauer at 456-3448. Play will take place at the youth center.

Saturday Morning Coffee

Start your weekend right with hot, fresh brewed coffee and delicious doughnuts or cookies every second and third Saturday of the month at the youth center. All items are only 50 cents each and are served from 7-10 a.m. Proceeds benefit the youth center and the Smart Moves Group.

Part Day Enrichment 456-3776

Pre-school Summer Fun Camp

Pre-school summer fun camp registration is going on now for children ages 3 to 5. Two camp sessions will be held: Show and Tell on June 1-24 and Wet and Wild on July 6-29. Camp runs Tuesday-Thursday from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

To register, come by the Part Day Enrichment Center at 827 Twining on any Tuesday or Thursday from noon to 2 p.m. Bring immunization records, birth certificate and leave and earning statements. Children must have been 3-years-old by March 1 and fees are based on total family income. Call

456-3776 for details.

Fall Pre-school Openings

Part Day Enrichment has openings for Fall pre-school. Students ages 3-5 are welcome, provided that they are 3-years-old prior to Sept. 30. Two, three and five-day classes are available and run from 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Parents can register Tuesdays and Thursdays from noon to 2 p.m. by coming to the Part Day Enrichment Center at 827 Twining. Bring immunization records, birth certificate and leave and earning statements. A \$10 registration fee is required and fees are based on total family income. Call 456-3776 for details. Hurry to sign up as the openings will fill quickly.

Family Child Care 456-8912

Earn Extra Money at Home

Why pay someone else to raise your children? Be a family child care provider and earn extra money while staying at home with your children. Enjoy the benefits of being in business for yourself without the risk. Training, equipment and supplies are free. Spouses living off-base and DOD spouses are also eligible. Licensing is mandatory for base residents caring for others more than 10 hours.

Now you can have it all...raise your own children and enjoy a great career. Call Penny Haire at 456-8912 to find out more about this program.

Fox Run Golf Course 456-2263

Free Golf Lessons

May is the PGA's Free Golf Lesson Month. Get a free 10-minute lesson from a professional instructor and shave strokes from your game. Call John Williams at Fox Run Golf Course today and schedule an appointment. Slots are filling fast.

US Kids Golf Program

US Kids Golf will be held June 14-25. It is for youth ages 8-18 and is a great way for them to learn golf. The cost is \$49.95 per person, and that includes starter clubs, a bag, a shirt, a hat, training booklets, five one hour lessons and the last lesson is a playing lesson. The class will be limited to the first 50 paid entrants. No applications will be accepted without payment of funds. For those who took the class last year and are still able to utilize last year's clubs, the cost will be \$29.95. Call John Williams at 456-2263 for more information..

Learn to Play Golf Program

Link up to Golf is going on now at Fox Run. Get professional instruction on the swing, course management and etiquette, with "on the course" playing instruction and a free golf shirt for only \$99. Call 456-2263 for details.

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Outdoor Recreation 456-7765

Horseback Riding Trip

Make plans now to go horseback trail riding in scenic Jefferson, Texas, on June 19. Guests will ride at Kharma Farms and then will go to downtown Jefferson for snacks and

The group will leave from the officers club at 2 p.m. and return at 7 p.m. The price is only \$25 or \$10 for small kids riding with parent. Sign-up ends on June 16.

Boating Safety Course

The fish are biting, boating season is here and equipment rental has boats galore. Choose from fully loaded bass boats to jon boats, or even campers. They are lake ready and affordably priced. Customers must get a boater's safety card from equipment rental before renting a boat. The course is free and only takes about an hour and a half to complete. It consists of viewing a safety video. This briefing will provide helpful safety guidelines to everyone from the novice to the experienced boater and could very well save your life. All active duty, reservists, retirees or DoD civilians are eligible to rent. Stop by equipment rental to schedule a class or to pick up a price list.

3-D Archery

3-D archery will be held on May 23 and June 27. Archers can start between 9 a.m. and noon. IBO scoring with one arrow applies. The 10/40 practice range is open and concessons are available. Pro's fee is \$25, non-members \$10, members \$5 and peewee's are free. Challenge yourself and enjoy the thrill of hunting, even in the off-season. Start any time between 9 a.m. and noon.

Paintball Schedule

Paintball is scheduled at the Paintball Range on Saturday. The action starts at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sign up today at equipment rental to make your reservation. Your \$12 fee covers participation, the rental of your mask and gun and your first 100 rounds of ammo. Additional paintballs may be purchased at the time of the competition. Compare these prices to other paintball ranges and vou will find this program to be very inexpensive. Please come dressed in long sleeves and long pants for safety. Groups of 10 or more are welcome and encouraged. Even if you don't have a team, come out individually and you will be assigned to a team. Call for more details.

Arts and Crafts Center 456-3140

Pottery Classes

Pottery making is fun for beginners and experts alike. Anyone 15 years old or older can learn how at the arts and crafts center. Classes are taught each Thursday from 5-7 p.m. Students will learn basic and advanced pottery making skills and may take as many classes as they like, as instruction is individualized. The cost is only \$8.50 plus supplies. Sign up early at arts and crafts or call for more information. Hurry as class size is limited.

Scrapbooking Class

Scrapbooking classes will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings in May from 5:30-7 p.m. Scrapbooks are a great way to preserve history. Prices range from \$10-\$20 per class. Classes cover topics like paper piercing, fabulous frames, pop-up pages, cropping, embellishing and mosaics. E-mail Angela at angi1172@hotmail.com or more information or a class calendar call the arts & crafts center to reserve your spot.

Framing Daytime Class Learn to frame your own pictures and save! Due to popularity, framing classes have been expanded to day-

time. Classes will be held on May 19, 24 and 26 and on June 14, 16 and 21 from 10 a.m. until noon. The cost is \$25 plus supplies and students should bring a picture or photo (11 X 14 inches or smaller) suitable for framing. Our experts will help you achieve professional results. Pre-payment is required and a minimum of four are needed to have a class. Call

today and reserve your spot. **Woodworking Class**

Woodworking will be taught at the wood hobby shop on May 11, 13, 18 and 20. Students must be at least 17 years of age. Classes run from 6 to 8 p.m. and will cover basic woodworking skills, techniques, safety and equipment use. Students complete a take-home project. The program is four classes and costs \$65. Stop by the wood hobby shop or call Mike at 456-3409 for details.



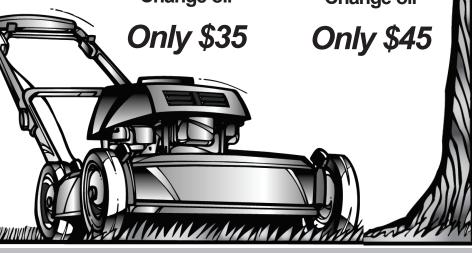


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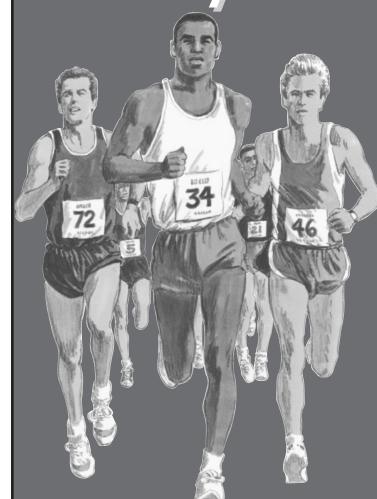
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Equipment Rental 456-3426

Fitness Center 456-4135

May Fitness Month



Free T-shirt: The first 150 to complete the May Fitness punch card win! Cards are available at the front desk and can be punched with every workout.

Fitness Fair: 8 a.m.-noon Monday 5K Run: 10 a.m. May 3

Unit Fitness Challenge: Teams (2 female, 2 male) May 7 compete in the new PT Test. Awards for 1st-2nd place.

May 10-14 Squadron Strength Competition: Teams (5 male, 1 female) compete in bench press, sit-ups, push-ups, and pull ups. Awards for 1st-2nd place.

Unit Shuttle Run: Teams (5 male,1 female) compete. **May 19** Awards for 1st-2nd place.

Team Horseshoe Tournament: Awards for 1st-2nd May 20

May 25-28 Volleyball Tournament: Teams (5 male, 1 female) compete. Awards for 1st-2nd place.

Win a Trip!: A team of 4 males and 4 females will be selected from participants in the 5k, Unit Fitness Challenge, and Squadron Strength Competition to travel to Offutt and represent Barksdale in the ACC sports and Fitness Challenge. This is a permissive TDY with transportation and lodging paid-for!

Aerobics Schedule



Wednesday Tuesday Mondav Thursday 6:30 a.m.

7:30 a.m. interval pump-legs/shoulders (Patricia) **8:30-9:30 a.m.** Basic Pilates - (Patricia)

11 a.m. Step Aerobics-(Patricia)

Noon Cardio Dance & Kick-(Patrick)

5 p.m. Interval pump-total body (Patricia)

6 p.m. Kickboxing aerobics (Patricia)

Noon Team Training (Patricia)

Step Aerobics-(Patricia)

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9 a.m. Spin Class (Med Group Insructor)

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